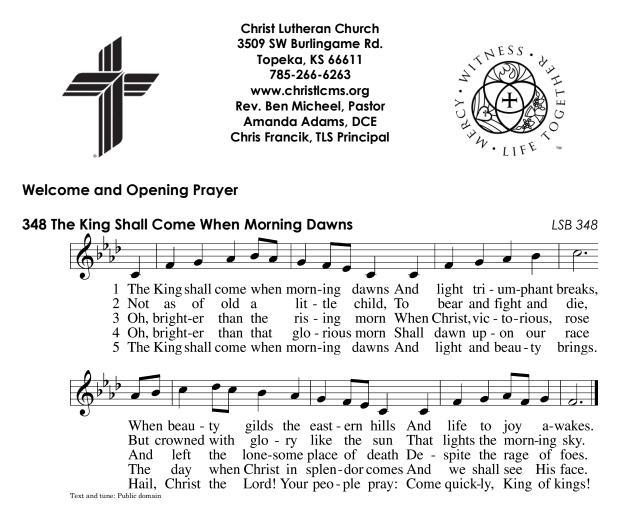


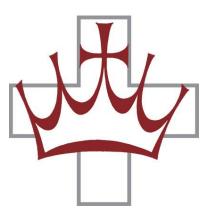
Well done, good and faithful servart. You have been faithful over a little: 1 will set you over much. Erîter irîto the joy of your master. -- Matthew 25:21 --



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15th, 2020 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, & 10:30 AM



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#### Divine Service Setting One, page 151

+ Confession and Absolution +

Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, "To absolve of sin and wrongdoing," more specifically, to affirm God's forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 151

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Matthew 28:19b: 18:20

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Consider: Have you loved God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength? Have you loved your neighbor as yourself?

#### **Confession of Sins**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

#### Service of the Word

#### Introit

- P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- **C** In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- **P** Enter not into judgment with your servant,
- **C** for no one living is righteous before you.
- **P** I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
- **C** I ponder the work of your hands.
- **P** I stretch out my hands to you;
- **C** my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
- Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
- **C** Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
- P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
- **G** In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
  - and to the Holy Spirit;
- as it was in the beginning,
  - is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- **C** In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!



A Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy!" A brief prayer not only imploring God's mercy but rejoicing in it through Jesus Christ.

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



#### Kyrie

**Gloria in Excelsis** 

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

"Salutation" is a word from Latin meaning, "to greet." "Collect" (KAH-lekt), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also "collects" the message of the day's Gospel reading.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



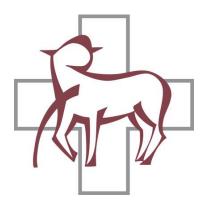
#### **Old Testament Reading**

Zephaniah 1:7–16

A The Old Testament Reading is from Zephaniah, chapter 1.

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.
<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.
<sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail. O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more: all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' <sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish. a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



#### Epistle

**A** The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.



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#### **Holy Gospel**

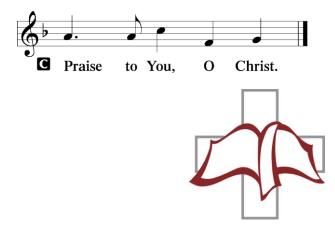
Matthew 25:14-30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him. You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### Nicene Creed

Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds (short statement of belief) agreed upon by the ancient church.

#### **C** I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life +of the world to come. Amen.

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near LSB 508 draw-ing near When Je - sus, God's a-noint - ed, 1 The dav is sure - ly 2 The fi - nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en, 3 The books are o-pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea-sures, His pow - er shall ap - pear In all As judge whom God apwho rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -And all What each has done, both great and small, When he earth was on Who here de-spised His pre-cious Word And loved their earth - ly Then fright shall ban - ish flames on point - ed. i - dle mirth, And wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's alev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And dwell - ing. And all be With shame and trem-bling they will stand And trea - sures! at the flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us. might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be changed at His com-mand - ing. they have been In known as thoughts and words and ac - tions. stern com - mand To de - liv - ered. judg - e's Sa - tan be My Savior paid the debt I owe 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  $\mathbf{5}$ And for my sin was smitten: But hasten our salvation: Within the Book of Life I know We often tremble on our way My name has now been written. In fear and tribulation. I will not doubt, for I am free, O hear and grant our fervent plea: And Satan cannot threaten me: Come, mighty judge, and set us free There is no condemnation! From death and ev'ry evil. Text and tune: Public domain May Christ our intercessor be 6 And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.

#### Sermon

#### Offering

For those gathered with us in-person, an offering plate will be at the back of the room for a contactless drop-off for your gifts, tithes, and offerings as you leave today's service.

For those still joining us remotely, we have multiple options for giving. You can text CHRISTLCMS to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at pushpay.com/pay/christlcms for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the "My Church by PushPay" app, with keyword CHRISTLCMS. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611). Direct links with more information are available on the church website (christlcms.org/giving).

If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office (<u>office@christlcms.org</u>) or call the office at (785) 266-6263. We will include them in next week's service, and also share them with our prayer chain if desired.

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#### Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, **"Hear our prayer."** 

■ ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

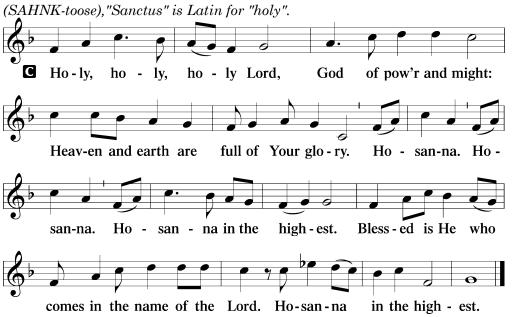


**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



#### Proper Preface (Full)

▶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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■ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



#### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

 C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

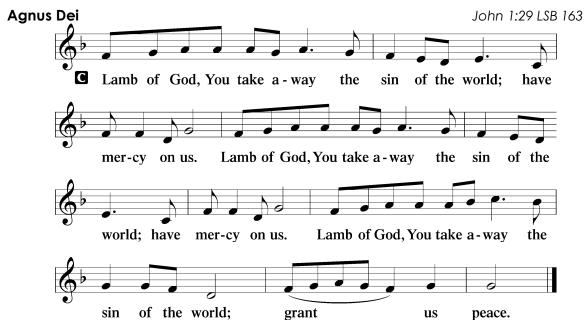
John 20:19 163

(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.







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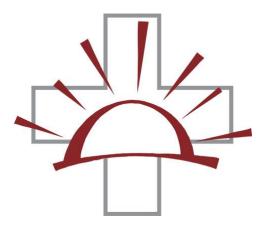
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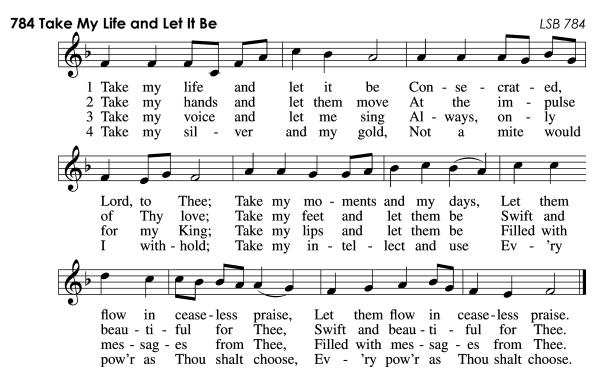
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730 What Is the World to Me





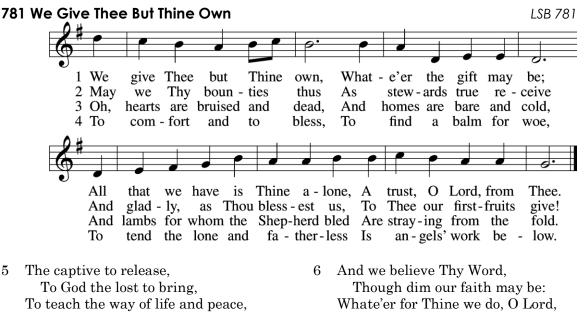


5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

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6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.





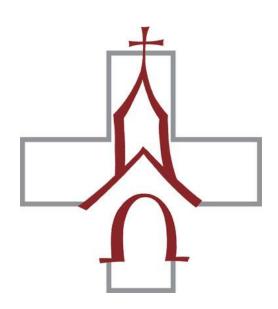
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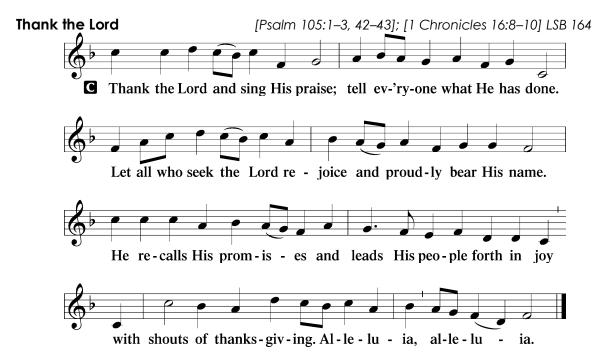
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Dismissal





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





#### Luther's Morning Prayer

 I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26 166

A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus LSB 660 1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross. 2 Stand up, stand up for The trum - pet Je - sus; call o - bey;for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone. 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will 4 Stand stand up not up. be long: Lift high must not suf - fer His roy - al ban - ner; It loss. in might - y this His glo-rious Stand forth con - flict day. In The of flesh will fail Ye dare not trust your arm vou. own. This dav the din of bat - tle, The next the vic-tor's song. From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead His faith-ful serve Him A - gainst un-num-bered Let all foes: ar - mor; Each piece put on with Put the Gos-pel on prayer. The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see Till is van-quished, And Christ is ev - 'ry foe Lord in - deed. cour - age rise with dan - ger Let And strength to strength op - pose. Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there. with the King of Glo - ry And Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly. Tune and text: Public domain

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## -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday November 15		Worship Service w/ Communion Children's Sunday School (gym) Youth Sunday School (youth room) God's Abiding Word Class (basement) Walk Through the Bible Class (office)
Monday November 16	11:00 am	TLS Fundraiser at AJ's Pizza
Tuesday November 17		LWML Work Day Council Meeting
Wednesday November 18	6:00 pm	Communion for Homebound Members Confirmation New Member Class Pastor's Bible Class
Thursday November 19		
Friday November 20		
Saturday November 21	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom) Kansas District Youth Gathering (Virtual)
Sunday November 22		Worship Service w/ Communion Children's Sunday School (gym) Youth Sunday School (youth room) God's Abiding Word Class (basement) Walk Through the Bible Class (office)

## -- Announcements --

#### <u>Celebrating</u>

Birthdays: Benjamin A., Kim M., Justin M. (15<sup>th</sup>); Aaron B., Joseph G., Charlene O., Jane W. (18<sup>th</sup>); Dustin B., Cindy F. (19<sup>th</sup>); Willa H. (20<sup>th</sup>); Carmen C., Shiloh H. (21<sup>st</sup>); Caleb F., Brad M. (22<sup>nd</sup>)
Baptism Birthdays: Sam R., Angela W. (15<sup>th</sup>); Duane S. (17<sup>th</sup>); Scott G., Rachel M., Daric S. (19<sup>th</sup>); Sydnie B., Derek H. (20<sup>th</sup>); Matt L. (21<sup>st</sup>); Judy K. (22<sup>nd</sup>)
Anniversaries: Dave & Michelle J. (16<sup>th</sup>); Jerry & Emagene M. (19<sup>th</sup>)

#### Worship Service Updates

We now have three worship service times: Sunday mornings at 8 am, 9:15 am, and 10:30 am. These services are now capped at 45-50 people each. (Please note that there is no longer a service on Saturday evenings.) Please continue to sign up through the church website. If the church website is down, please sign up directly through Sign-Up Genius (<u>http://bit.ly/ChristWorshipServices</u>). Thank you for your patience as we navigate this ever-changing situation!

#### Children/Youth Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is on Sundays at 9:15 am. It is a parent/guardian led setup with several stations in the gym as we focus on one Bible story each week. We ask that you wear masks and use the hand sanitizer available. There will be instructions at each station and a volunteer to help if you have questions. The weekly lessons will also be available online each week through the "Members" section of our website. Contact the church office if you need the password.

Amanda is also leading the 7th-12th grade Sunday School class at 9:15 am with a weekly Bible study in the youth room. We will have room to spread out - plan to wear your mask!

#### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes

For those who were participating in small group Bible studies on Sunday mornings prior to the March shutdown, those classes have now resumed.

God's Abiding Word: Luke – Sundays at 9:15 am in the church basement Walk Through the Bible (women's study) – Sundays at 9:15 am in Pastor's office

#### Pastor's Bible Class

Pastor Ben's Bible Class is still meeting every Wednesday night at 7 pm! This class takes a closer look at the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. Attend in person, or e-mail the office to join via Zoom!

## -- Announcements --

#### Communion for Homebound Members

If you have been watching our services online or receiving a church bulletin in the mail during the pandemic but have not been able to attend in-person, we invite you to join us for a brief Holy Communion service on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Sign up online or call the church office for a private 10-minute time slot between 4pm and 6 pm. If that date/time doesn't work for you, please contact the office to set up an alternate time with Pastor Ben. (This communion service is intended to reach out to those who have been unable to attend our weekly worship services in-person. If you have been attending on Sunday mornings, we encourage you to continue receiving communion at that time.)

#### LWML Quarterly Mission

We are collecting gift items for the clients of SLI. These individuals are adults (at least 18 years old), all either mentally or physically handicapped. Many of them have no family to provide Christmas gifts and this may be the only present they receive. Many of them have only \$30 per month for food, clothes, and any other needs. Please leave donations in the bin in the coffee lobby.

The items we are collecting are: Hats, Gloves, Socks, Simple Puzzles (100 pieces), Word Search Books (large print), Coloring Books (both children's and adult), Pajamas (sizes L, XL, 2X), Gift Cards from Dillons or Walmart (for groceries).

#### **TLS Fundraiser**

Dine in or carry out from AJ's NY Pizzeria (1930 SW Westport Dr) on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. A portion of each order will go to TLS! Our dinner fundraisers this year are goings towards our Parent Teacher League. Thanks to our PTL, we are able to support students, families, and teachers through fellowship and funding classroom and school needs as they arise. Be sure to mention you're there for the TLS fundraiser when you order. Thank you!



### -- Announcements --

#### Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Betty C., Julie J., Don L., Brittian K.(Sondra K.'s grandson), Lance L., Jerry M., Bob T., Glenna L., Jean B. (sister Pauline C.'s sister), Judy P. (Lynne D.'s aunt), Mert B., Angela (Mary D.'s daughter), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Gary (Ruth S.'s son), Kathy (Brenda Z.'s sister-inlaw), Martin E., Anna (Frank J.'s mother), Shirley (Frank J.'s grandmother), Melanie (Sharon L.'s daughter), Robert (Dave B.'s brother), Ella (Marsha S.'s granddaughter), Julie (Heather S.'s cousin), Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, our front line/essential workers, and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, the Schumachers and their ministry in Ghana, and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for Pastor Ben, Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of TLS and the Center for Young Children. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.



#### God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is "near and hastening fast," and it will be "a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation" (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish "the men who are complacent" concerning His Word, "who fill their master's house with violence and fraud" (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: "Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them" (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are "good and faithful" stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and "the master of those servants" settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, "God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also "put on the breastplate of faith and love" in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

#### **Offerings**

We have multiple options for your gifts, tithes, and offerings. You can text CHRISTLCMS to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at pushpay.com/pay/christlcms for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the "My Church by PushPay" app, with keyword CHRISTLCMS. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611). Direct links with more information are available on the church website (christlcms.org/giving).

### **Stewardship Corner**

Budgeted Weekly Needs:	\$ 7,300
Offerings Received – Week of 11/8	\$ 6,621
Budgeted Needs (Jan-Oct)	\$320,080
Offerings Received (Jan-Oct)	\$295,054

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**Matthew 25:30a** – "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness." Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

## Children's

# Christmas Program Sunday, December 13th - 9:15 AM



## TO ATTEND, PLEASE SIGN UP AT CHRISTLCMS.ORG

## IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



#### **Poinsettias**

It's time to order poinsettias! Use the form in the bulletin or download from our website. The poinsettias will be white (as they have been for the past several years). Include \$10 cash or check (made out to Altar Guild), or use the "Altar Guild – Poinsettias" option on PushPay. Deadline to order is Thanksgiving weekend. The Altar Guild thanks you for your support!



You are invited to join us on Vednesday nights during Advent from 6 to 7pm for a meal. We will spread tables throughout the whole gym. Please wear your mask until you are seated and again if you need to get up. Meals will be delivered to the table. Food will be prepared with minimal people and appropriate precautions to keep you safe!

Gluten-free options will be available each week.

#### DEC. 2

Ham, cheesy polatoes, green beans, roll, and fresh chocolate chip cookies

DEC. 16

Chili, hoł dogs, salad, and fresh cinnamon rolls <u>DEC. 9</u> BBQ pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, corn, and fresh brownies

> DEC. 23 Pizza, salad, and cake

A free-will offering will be taken for Christ Youth.



Join us in worship as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. -- sign up at christlcms.org --

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM Wednesday, Dec. 9th - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM Wednesday, Dec. 16th - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM Wednesday, Dec. 23rd - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Meet in the gym in between services at 6:00 PM for a meal each week - a free will offering will be taken.



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